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SUBJECT: "What We Had in '44"--Information from economists of the War Food Administration

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If yours was an average household in the United States, you had more to eat in 1944 than you had in a pre-war year...in 1939, for example.

Seems hard to believe, doesn't it? Especially in view of the tremendous amounts of food required by our military forces and the large shipments of food to our Allies.

But that's the picture of the civilian food supply in this country last year. It's shown in a study made by economists of the War Food Administration.

As an average householder in the United States, you not only had more food in 1944 than you had in the pre-war years, you had more of the protective foods.... more milk....more meats....more poultry...more eggs....more tomatoes and citrus fruits.....more leafy and green vegetables....more peas and nuts....and more grain products.

That's how it was in the United States in 1944. The study also showed food consumption levels for people on the home front in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Measured in nutritional terms...that's in vitamins and calories, fats and animal proteins...civilian supplies of food in the United States and Canada last year were greater than they were in the pre-war period.

In the United Kingdom, there was a decrease in the civilian supplies of fats and animal proteins and vitamins A in 1944. Supplies of other nutrients were higher. To make up for shortages of other foods, people in the United Kingdom ate more potatoes and more flour than they did in pre-war years.

In all three countries, those of us on the home front used more fluid milk in 1944 than we did in 1943. And the picture shows that food supplies for civilians in all three countries in 1944 were enough to maintain reasonable health.

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